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SUBJECT: LOCAL REACTION TO DENKTASH FEBRUARY 13 DECLARATION

1. FOLLOWING LOCAL RADIO REPORTS LATE FEBRUARY 13 ON DENKTASH ANNOUNCEMENT, SEPARATE GROUPS OF THESSALONIKI UNIV STUDENTS STAGED PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGH MAJOR STREETS AND OUTSIDE U.S., BRITISH, AND TURKISH CONSULATES. FOUR SEPARATE GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS NUMBERING BETWEEN 200-600 EACH DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE CONGEN ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY FROM 2330 TO 0200. GROUPS REPRESENTED YOUTH WINGS OF NEW DEMOCRACY, CENTER UNION, PASOK, AND KKE (KNE). ALSO PRESENT WERE GREEK SOCIALIST YOUTH (ESN), MAOIST AASPE, AND RIGAS FERREOS.

2. DEMONSTRATORS CHANTED USUAL VARIETY OF ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS INCLUDING "HANG THE MURDERERS", AND "PEOPLE DO NOT WANT YOU-- YOUR EMBASSY IS THE ENEMY". ALL GROUPS WERE CONTAINED BY HEAVY POLICE REINFORCEMENTS. SOME EGGS AND REFUSE THROWN AT BUILDING WITH NO DAMAGE. LAST GROUP OF
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300-400 STUDENTS FROM PASOK AND RIGAS FERREOS

DELIVERED FOLLOWING PETITION TO ACTING PO AT

2:00 A.M.:

"WE CONDEMN BRUTE AND CRIMINAL POLICY OF AMERICAN
IMPERIALISM TOWARDS PEOPLE OF GREECE AND TURKEY.
AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT AMERICANS, USING TURKISH
CHAUVINISTIC LEADERSHIP, ARE SUPPRESSING RIGHT OF
CYPRIOT PEOPLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY. AMERICANS,
REPRESENTED BY MURDERER KISSINGER, WILL CAUSE NEW
BLOODSHED ON ISLAND BY PROCLAIMING AUTONOMOUS TURKISH
STATE OF CYPRUS. FATE OF CYPRIOT PEOPLE RESTS IN
HANDS OF MURDERER KISSINGER, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
TRAGEDY OF CYPRUS. CYPRUS ISSUE IS NOT MATTER OF
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, BUT SOLUTION SHOULD BE SOUGHT
THROUGH INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS. ALL ARMIES SHOULD
LEAVE INDEPENDENT ISLAND. OPPOSED TO AMERICAN IMPERIALISM
AND STANDING ON SIDE OF CYPRIOT BROTHERS, WE WILL
STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENT CYPRUS. WE SHALL DISCLOSE
AND MAKE KNOWN TO OUR PEOPLE THE DIRTY GAME OF
AMERICANS. VICTIMS AND REFUGEES OF CYPRUS DEMAND
JUSTICE". SIGNED "RIGAS FERREOS-- YOUTH ORGANIZATION
OF PASOK , THESSALONIKI".

3. THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF FEBRUARY 14 GIVE BANNER
COVERAGE TO CYPRUS WITH HEADLINE IN "ELLINIKOS VORRAS",
"COUP D' ETAT OF TURKS IN CYPRUS", AND IN "MAKEDONIA",
"BRUTAL CONSEQUENCE OF PARTITION PLAN-- TURKS ANNOUNCE
SEPARATE STATE OF CYPRUS". PAPERS ALSO CARRY PHOTOGRAPHS
OF DEMONSTRATIONS HERE WITH INFLATED CROWD ESTIMATES
UP TO 6,000. IN ONLY LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT, CHIEF ED
KYROU OF "VORRAS" CITES GREEK WW II RECORD AND MAINTAINS
THAT, WHILE PM KARAMANLIS ATTEMPTING TO AVOID WAR
WITH TURKEY, IN EVENT OF ATTACK RESULTS WILL BE
"DISASTROUS" FOR ANKARA. "MAKEDONIA" CARRIES
SHORT RELEASE BY LOCAL CYPRIOT STUDENT UNION (EFEK)
CONDEMNING U.S. "EMPERIALISTS" AND PROCLAIMING
"ALERT" FOR NEW STRUGGLE AGAINST PARTITION OF CYPRUS.
AFTERNOON "THESSALONIKI" REPEATS EFEK RELEASE AND
ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR PROTEST RALLY OF ALL STUDENT GROUPS
AND "PEOPLE" AT 1600 FEBRUARY 15 IN ARISTOTELOUS SQUARE HERE.
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